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odoc County Parish

Rev. Ralph V. Conard, who for past sixteen months has served the nference as pastor-at-large, has ten- ed his resignation to take effect on ptember 15, and it has been accept- by the Board of Directors with high preciation for the work he has done. . Conard sold himself to Modoc unty. In the course of his duties, has spent something like three nths in that great northeast empire our fellowship. He became ac- uinted with the people. He saw ir needs and the opportunity of ving them. More than this, he ame challenged by the idea of a odoc County Larger Parish. He de- oped an intimate friendship with v. Rowland H. Dow, of Alturas, came to share his dreams and ns. Mrs. Conard likewise felt the ll of the opportunity.

The churches of Alturas, Cedarville, gleville, Likely, and the new church process of formation at Fort Bidwell ve been counseling with Mr. Dow, . Conard, and Rev. Wesley Hotch- s, of the Town and Country De- tment of the Board of Home Mis- ns. They have voted to form a ger parish and have elected repre- tatives to a parish council. A budget the work of the entire county has en adopted. This budget contem- tes a third member on the staff who ll give particular assistance in re- ious education and young people's rk for all of the churches and will ve responsibility for some fields that now open and which are not being ved. For the present, Mr. Conard ll live at Cedarville and will look er the work in the three churches Surprise Valley, namely: Cedarville, gleville, and Fort Bidwell. Mr. Dow ll continue as pastor at Alturas and ll reopen the work at Likely. There y be opportunities in the future at vis Creek, Canby, Willow Ranch, d New Pine Creek.

Modoc County is an empire both area and in resources. There is a elier interest in the work of the urch than has been evidenced in e history of the county. To have o men with great abilities, devotion, sion, and experience tackling the job, e realization of hopes and dreams r many years will come to pass.

In accepting Mr. Conard's resigna- n, the Board of Directors expressed affection for Mr. Conard and its eling that his decision was one more idence of the working of the spirit God in the accomplishment of great ings for His Kingdom.

A GOOD EXAMPLE

The Santa Clara Association branch the Federation of Congregational omen, meeting in Campbell, adopted e following resolution and commends to our fellowship:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Santa ara Association of Congregational nristian Women recommend that we and against all discrimination be- use of race and oppose all acts of olence and intimidation, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED at it is our Christian and democratic bligation to include people of various cial and class background in our nristian fellowship.

THE PILGRIM TRADITION TODAY

By Rev. Stanley U. North

The war effort of recent years has resulted in an unprecedented shift in the population, industrial areas being the beneficiaries, rural regions being the victims. Along with this phenomenon has been a second, namely, a vast increase in the population that has contradicted all the scientific predictions as to its gradual stabilization. The figures are familiar. In the 1941-1950 decade the population increased by better than 19,000,000. The present rate of annual increase is 3,000,000. The census bureau estimates that in the 1951-1960 decade another 30,000,000 people will be added to the population. This all means a continued expansion in housing, the need for additional services, schools, and churches. The task is colossal. The government, of necessity, will continue to supplement private industry to provide the essential housing. The great chains will compete to provide the stores. State and district tax power will provide the schools. The churches depend upon the people who believe in the church.

Unfortunately, the building load of recent years has totally depleted the resources of the Congregational Church Building Society. Here again the story is fairly well known. The volume of new churches has been inordinately large along with which has been the unprecedented increase in building costs. Churches which cost 32 cents a cubic foot to construct in 1940 cost today anywhere between $1.25 and $1.50 a cubic foot. Taking the period of 1926-29 as an index of 100 for building cost, the F. W. Dodge corporation estimates the present index for San Francisco to be 245.7. Of special interest to this West Coast region is the fact that the index for lumber costs between 1940 and 1951 rose from 100 to 352.2.

The resources of the Church Building Society consist of grants made to the churches, totaling $5,000,000. That represents a service to the fellowship not just of recent years but of the last one hundred years. A second resource is the Church Building Loan Fund approximating $3,500,000. These funds have all been loaned to the churches and have been over-appropriated by $350,000, the over appropriation being possible because of the time lag between the authorization of a loan and its call. For the last few years the only funds available for church building purposes have been the receipts from repaid loans, amounting to about $400,000 annually. As a result, valid requests for aid which would have been allowed had there been the funds have had to be rejected in the biennium ending May 31, 1951, in the staggering amount of $2,368,600. This has been embarrassing to the Board of Home Missions and frustrating to the churches concerned as they have been forced to pay commercial rates of interest to secure the requisite financing. Many of these churches have cooperated generously in the Christian World Mission of the fellowship over the years, and in their own hour of need the denomination has had to turn a deaf ear to their petitions for assistance. No solution

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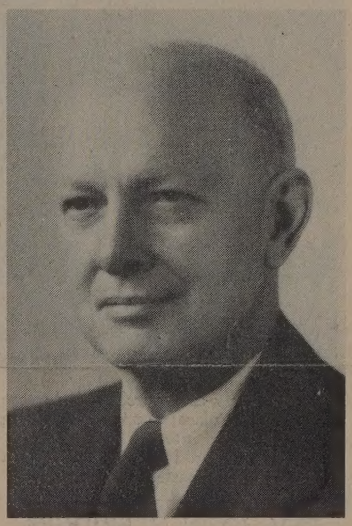

Rev. Stanley U. North, General Secretary of Church Extension of the Board of Home Missions and Director for the Pacific coast area and Hawaii of Church Building Loan Fund Campaign. Dr. and Mrs. North have established their home for the coming months in Oakland and office at the First Congregational Church of San Francisco. He will assist the two California Conferences, Oregon, Washington, and Hawaii in the great but necessary task of providing $675,000 as the share of the national fund of $4,500,000 which this area should care for.

Summer Youth Work

Rev. George W. Lindsay, director of Christian Education, reports a total of over 750 campers up to and including the State Camp, but family camps are counted as one camper for the family, so the number of individuals is greater. The general impression of visitors and of those who worked in the camps is that the program and the spirit are reaching higher levels with the passing of the years.

Two fruit camps have been held, one at Hughson and the other at Gridley. At the former, about 7 dry tons of peaches were prepared for shipping overseas. We have not received the report from the Gridley camp as yet.

In the Student Summer Service program, 6 of our young people served 16 parishes, mostly in Daily Vacation Church Schools, but there was one church community survey. In addition, one young couple helped in Modoc County all during July and August.

ROBERT KNOWLES ORDAINED

Robert A. Knowles was ordained in the First Congregational Church of Oakland on June 13 by special meeting of the Bay Association. Rev. William E. McCormack, of San Francisco, who had been Mr. Knowles' pastor in Massachusetts, preached the sermon. Mr. Knowles is to continue as associate minister at the Oakland Church.

Laymen's Retreat

The Northern California Laymen's Fellowship will hold its annual retreat for all churchmen of the Conference from September 19 to 21, 1952. This marks the first extension of the retreat program into a third day. Beginning with registration on Friday evening, the church representatives will be busily engaged in religious service and church business until the conclusion of the noon meal on Sunday.

For the first time a free period will be scheduled. This will enable the various groups to organize themselves; plans for a choir and other music can be arranged; and group discussion leaders can confer on the theme subject. This year the retreat keynote will be "The Application of the Golden Rule to My Profession or Business." The Rev. Gail Cleland, of the Berkeley First Church, will address the conferees, following which they will disburse to smaller groups to work out a practical application of this most important and timely subject.

Two other events are of signal importance: Dr. Fred S. Richards, of Portland, Oregon, president of the National Laymen's Fellowship, will attend and discuss national laymen's activities. An occasion both for joy and sorrow will be an address by the Rev. Harley H. Gill. The joy of having him with us will be dimmed by the thought that it marks the last of his meetings with the laymen's group because of his retirement at the end of 1952.

On Sunday, in addition to a discussion of conference business, the service of worship will be conducted by laymen. Harold T. Avery, of Oakland, will conduct the worship service; and John H. Finger, president of the Northern California Laymen's Fellowship, will deliver the sermon.

A gathering to exceed in number last year's record-breaking event is anticipated.

THE PRATTS VISIT AREA

Rev. William D. Pratt, superintendent-elect of the Conference, and Mrs. Pratt spent two weeks in this area. Much of the time they were house hunting and have selected a home which is located at 1669 Thousand Oaks Boulevard, Berkeley. Mr. Pratt will spend the next two months in closing up his work with the great Pilgrim Church of Pomona, returning to Northern California on November 1. During the months of November and December, he will be working with Superintendent Gill preparing for the first of January when he takes over. The Pratts have three children, the older daughter being registered at the University of California, the second daughter in high school, and the son in grade school.

ORGAN AVAILABLE

The Fruitvale Church of Oakland has a good-sized reed organ which it can spare. Perhaps some church would like to negotiate with Fruitvale. Indeed, Fruitvale might give it to some new project. Write Rev. Ralph C. Waddell, 1601 Fruitvale Avenue, Oakland 1.

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Not Over-Much

Yes, these figures show a gain, not in proportion for eight months of the year to the goals that have been promised, but a gain nevertheless; enough to be encouraging and yet not enough to give assurance that the end of the year will show the gains that we have anticipated. Four splendid months of the church year remain. Let us do our best.

	Appt. Jan. 11 to Aug. 31,'51	Appt. Jan. 11 to Aug. 31,'52
Alameda	$ 738.27	$ 591.76
Alturas	149.19	24.76
Angels Camp	50.00	150.00
Antioch	268.29	750.38
Auburn	100.00	175.00
Benicia	95.00	113.00
Berkeley, Arlington	543.91	894.50
Chinese	14.50	42.00
First	8,035.57	8,207.40
North	1,001.61	845.29
Northbrae	400.00	400.00
South	691.38	633.23
Biola	49.92	54.56
Campbell	709.72	598.50
Cedarville	48.70	81.10
Cloverdale	——	25.00
Concord, Hillcrest	223.14	144.68
Cotati	82.46	56.48
Crockett	109.70	105.87
Eagleville	74.03	17.61
El Cerrito, Mira Vista	25.00	8.40
Elk Grove	177.11	128.62
Etna	112.74	247.65
Eureka	855.51	775.84
Fairfax	145.05	240.08
Ferndale	159.50	82.90
Fresno, First	2,264.59	2,410.46
Japanese	47.50	229.87
Pilgrim Arm.	250.00	33.00
Zion	69.60	——
Glen Ellen	60.75	——
Guerneville	120.10	168.16
Hayward	1,029.85	2,195.00
Kenwood	27.17	34.77
La Selva Beach	53.00	31.87
Lodi, Ebenezer	——	61.12
First	2,088.64	1,374.46
Loleta	18.85	19.65
Loomis	33.75	104.40
Los Gatos, Skyland	——	27.89
Martinez	1,364.17	1,732.92
Modesto	31.58	47.20
Murphys	——	68.00
Niles	13.57	50.00
Oakland, First	4,206.90	4,450.00
Fruitvale	35.00	92.15
Japanese	12.00	——
New Pilgrim	386.14	313.82
Plymouth	1,559.63	1,420.77
Orinda	919.12	1,096.31
Oroville	362.42	767.05
Pacific Grove	——	50.00
Palo Alto	3,659.65	2,603.32
Paradise	535.00	480.00
Parlier	——	10.00
Penngrove	5.95	9.75
Pescadero	——	12.61
Petaluma,	404.59	934.75
Pittsburg	292.46	212.61
Port Chicago	30.69	——
Porterville	1,500.00	1,500.00
Redwood City	1,121.39	1,288.01
Rio Vista	100.00	12.00
Ripon	298.04	378.89
Sacramento, First	2,389.00	2,021.31
Oak Park	——	76.41
Sierra Arden	150.00	271.68
Salida	38.74	50.00
San Carlos	1,280.00	1,300.00
San Francisco—		
Beth. Miss. Pk.	66.00	38.00
Calvary Arm.	50.00	——
Chinese	13.83	——
First	1,994.53	1,104.72
Park Presidio	479.22	893.26
Pilgrim	111.53	102.82
St. John's	52.33	105.37
Sanger	72.32	28.96
San Jose	1,219.99	1,368.00
San Leandro	149.47	30.45
San Lorenzo	——	300.00
San Mateo	3,300.00	3,300.00
San Rafael	259.24	252.30
Santa Cruz	830.91	990.15
Santa Rosa	171.33	217.76
Saratoga	376.54	620.63
Sebastopol	279.99	437.31
Sonoma	267.57	175.00
Soquel	70.09	160.35
Stockton	1,127.19	1,216.00
Suisun	67.10	203.70
Sunnyvale	43.95	171.00
Sunol	194.61	209.55
Tulare	819.00	1,274.00
Weaverville	117.00	202.97
Woodside	201.00	218.26
Reno, Nevada	372.01	529.45
Pilgrim Fellowship	2,757.66	1,930.58
Miscellaneous	281.00	294.88
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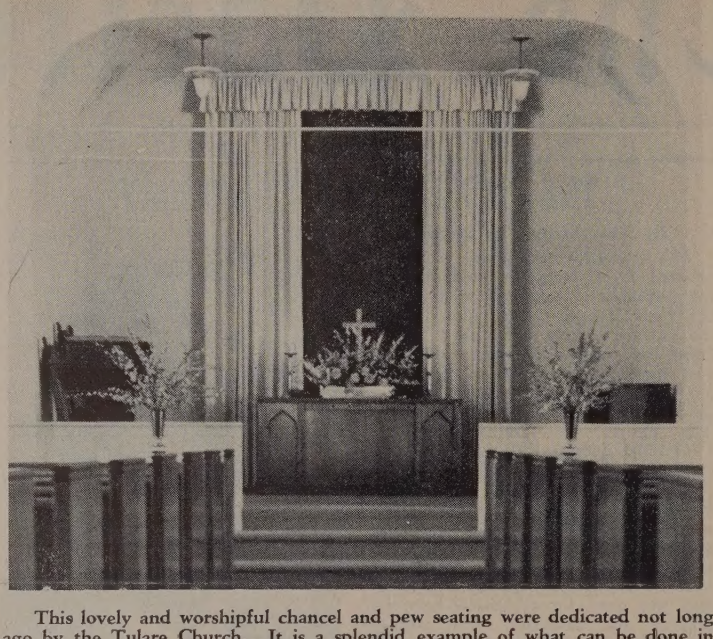

This lovely and worshipful chancel and pew seating were dedicated not long ago by the Tulare Church. It is a splendid example of what can be done in remodeling an interior and making a chancel where there was none. In addition a splendid religious education and social unit was built. Rev. Harold F. Cram is the pastor.

REV. JOHN N. BRIDGES

On the evening of June 20, Rev. and Mrs. John N. Bridges, of Rio Vista, their little granddaughter, and an old-time friend from Denver were in a disastrous automobile accident not far from Fairfield, California. The driver of the other car was killed, as was Mr. Bridges and their guest. Mrs. Bridges was seriously injured and was in the hospital for eight weeks. The granddaughter also was hurt, but both are doing nicely.

Rev. John N. Bridges was born in Omaha, Nebraska, April 1, 1890. He was educated at Nebraska Wesleyan University and Iliff School of Theology. He began his work in the Methodist Church serving five churches in Nebraska and one in California. In 1918 he was married to Beth McDonald, who, with their two daughters, Mrs. Harry Cole and Mrs. Jackson Bailey, both of Rio Vista, survive him.

Mr. Bridges had two Congregational churches in Colorado, at Silverton and Craig. In this parish he ministered throughout the Moffatt County to widely separated communities and groups, an area of 4,800 square miles. In 1935 he came to the State of Washington where he served until 1946, when he moved to Rio Vista. He was greatly beloved in the entire area. The funeral service which was held on June 25 and was conducted by the Interdenominational Ministers Association of the delta area was the largest that had been known for many years.

REV. Z. P. BOUDAKIAN

Rev. Zakaria P. Boudakian, pastor of the Bethany Armenian Congregational Church of Oakland, died from a heart attack on the 17th of August while in an ambulance en route to the hospital. Mr. Boudakian was born August 20, 1904, in Bagtchejik, Turkey. He was educated in Robert College, Istanbul, and Institute Biblique de Nogent sur Marne, Paris, France. In 1933 he was married to Sophie Barsumian, who came from a long line of ministers. He was ordained in Paris in 1937, but he had served the Armenian Evangelical Church of that city beginning in 1928.

In November, 1939, he became a French soldier but was taken prisoner by the Germans. He did greatly needed Christian work in prison camp and was finally released in 1943 and then came to the United States and was in the Armenian Evangelical Church of New York until July, 1950. He then accepted the call of the Bethany Church in Oakland. Mr. Boudakian was an able minister and very cooperative with his brethren and with our fellowship of churches.

During his term in prison, he translated the biographies of St. Augustine, Luther, and Pascal into the Armenian language, although these have not yet been published. Mrs. Boudakian continues to make her home in Oakland with their son Paul, 18 years of age. Rev. P. S. Levonian, of Los Angeles, a relative of Mrs. Boudakian, conducted the funeral service on June 20. It was under Mr. Boudakian's leadership that the church completed the fine new parish house that was dedicated some months ago.

HYMNALS FOR SALE

The Mayflower Church at Pacific Grove has 200 used hymnals, "Sacred Songs for Church and Home," published by A. S. Barnes & Co. This is the book which was presented to so many churches by Miss Juliette Alexander, of the First Congregational Church of Oakland, who compiled it. The Pacific Grove Church would like to sell these books at 50 cents. If any church can take the whole batch, address Rev. Lon D. Hitchcock, Central at 14th Street, Pacific Grove, Calif.

THE GENERAL COUNCI

(The editor asked Rev. G. Arth Casaday of Palo Alto to give for Th Pacific his impressions of the Gener Council at Claremont. He had nev before attended a General Coun meeting and grew up in a sister d nomination. It is helpful to us all have the fresh and objective point view of one to whom such a meetin is not "old stuff," and to have suc an able and discerning report as M Casaday has given.)

I was deeply impressed by thre things at the meetings of the Gener Council in Claremont. First, I w greatly impressed by the depth of unit and the quality of spirit of our fre fellowship. Materials emanating fro organizations in which Rev. Jam Fifield is active had made many of feel that there was a very serious spl in our denomination, a major divisio in our brotherhood, particularly cor cerning two matters: the moveme seeking a merger with the E. & R Churches, and the work of our Cou cil for Social Action. Every poi of view was given an opportunity being heard. Discussion was full an free, and, though feelings were stirre both the self-restraint of the partic pants and the masterful presiding b the Moderator kept it friendly an objective. When the votes were taken on the question of proceeding wit the search for a mutually satisfactor basis of union with the E. & R Churches, the affirmative was 964, th negative 55.

After the lengthy hearing on th Council for Social Action and muc discussion, when its report was pre sented a motion was made to receiv it with commendation, which the Mod erator interpreted as meaning a vot of confidence in the Council for Socia Action in general. The affirmativ vote was 689, the negative 31, an those wishing to be counted as no voting, 19. The black booklet pub lished by a group of critics of th Council for Social Action, entitle "They're Using Our Churches," wa justified by no one. Deep regret wa expressed over its unfair insinuation and its methods. The discussion an finally the votes on these two matter clearly revealed that there was n major division in our brotherhood and that there was a great depth o unity and a high quality of spirit bind ing us together.

The second thing that made a grea impression on me was the breadth an significance of the work we were doing all around the world through Ou Christian World Mission. I was amaze at what our small individual contribu tions accomplish, and was deepl moved by the realization of the out reach of my personality and your through our giving to O.C.W.M. am at work, you are at work, all ove the world, this day and every da through Our Christian World Mission There is no time nor space to list th schools, colleges, seminaries, hospitals social service centers, churches that w have begun and are supporting. W have made and are making an immeas urable contribution to the spiritua unity of mankind and to the demo cratic spirit. You and I are still a work in China, though the govern ment has taken over the schools an hospitals. They are, in the main, stil operated by Christian Chinese leaders The churches in China continue t grow though our missionaries are with drawn and our funds no longer avail able. The crucial significance of ou work in India, Japan, Africa, the Phil ippines, and all across the earth cam

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MINISTERS AND CHURCHES ON THE JOB

"DINA" AND "HARRY"

In appreciation of the long and thful work of Rev. Hendrik Marnse, of Loomis, the Cazadero Comission has voted to name the two w girls' cabins, one for Mr. Marnse and the other for Mrs. Martynse. r. Martynse brought the idea for the nstruction of the cabins to the mmission and accepted the task of ying the materials and erecting em. This involved many long trips d many days of hard work, for hich the whole Conference is grate-l, not only to Mr. and Mrs. Martynse t the Loomis Church for making it ossible for him to give the time.

SONOMA — The federation with e Methodist Church which had been effect for three years came to an d on the second Sunday of June, d an active search was begun for minister. Rev. Ernest E. Morrill, Omaha, Neraska, was persuaded to sit Sonoma; and he conducted serces on three Sundays, became well quainted with the people and the tuation, and accepted the call and gan work September 1. Mr. Morrill as had important churches in Illinois, Visconsin, and South Dakota. He is man of fine training and experience. frs. Morrill is also an able leader. hey will bring strength to our Conrence and are bound to lift the Sooma Church to a much higher level han it has reached for many years.

SAN MATEO—A crew of 40 or tore people made a house-to-house anvass of the San Mateo Village area inging the doorbells of a thousand omes. They found about 300 famies interested in a community type f church. Whereupon, the Church Extension Committee of the Confernce, which had held the permission f the Comity Commission to canvass he area, has applied for allocation. t hopes to work out plans for launchng a new project to be under the eneral care of the San Mateo Church. Much credit should be given to Rev. Terence Stoker and Rev. Benton S. Gaskell for organizing the workers nd directing the canvass.

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ome to me in a new way. All this we do besides a magnificent work of Home Missions: A.M.A. colleges, educational and medical work, as well as evangelism in Puerto Rico; Christian Education, race relations, social action, building new churches, etc. Then reports of what we share in the World Council of Churches, particularly in the settling of thousands of Displaced Persons, made one fairly breathless with wonder at what we have done and are doing in fulfilling Our Christian World Mission.

But along with this feeling of joy and exultation came one of humility. And the third thing that impressed me greatly was the tremendous opportunity that confronts us, the open door that is set before us. The world-hunger for a faith that can be held with full intellectual integrity, that offers hope for social as well as personal salvation, confronts us. If we come near matching the missionary zeal of the Communists for their faith, we will prove to be what Jesus said His disciples should be, "the light of the world." As the Spirit spoke to the churches through the Revelation of John, so it spoke to us at Claremont: "Behold, I have set before you an open door." Surely, the Spirit spoke unto us and moved among us this year at General Council.

This is the fine group of people attending the first service of worship of the new West San Jose Church project. The photo was taken in front of the lovely parsonage acquired by the Conference with the help of the Building Society. The minister, Rev. John C. Carroll, stands at the left of the group.

SACRAMENTO, OAK PARK—Rev. G. Chilton Christian, for some years the pastor of the St. Luke's Congregational Church of Brooklyn, New York, has accepted the call to this church to begin on or before November 2. Mr. Christian was a delegate to the General Council at Claremont and en route home was introduced to the Oak Park Church by Rev. John C. Mickle, chairman of the Church Development Committee. The Oak Park Church feels most happy to be able to look forward to leadership of a man of such ability and strength as Mr. Christian.

LOOMIS — Pacific gave inadequate account in a previous issue of the memorial to Mr. H. N. Hansen. Mr. Hansen was not a deacon but was a faithful and hard-working trustee for nearly 40 years. The memorial consists of a lovely pulpit and communion table-altar. It has added much to the beautiful and impressive sanctuary. Rev. and Mrs. Hendrik Martynse have been spending a number of weeks in Europe visiting the remaining members of their families in the Netherlands.

SEBASTOPOL — Following the resignation of Rev. Raymond C. W. Keeble, this church reached out its arm and took the assistant minister from the Pioneer Congregational Church of Sacramento, Rev. Orval S. Clay. Mr. Clay has been with the Sacramento Church two years and prior to that was pastor at Salida. Mr. Clay is a young man with fine training and has had experience in both large and small churches. He will give Sebastopol strong leadership.

HAYWARD—Rev. Verne Robinson severed his connection with this church in June as associate minister and has become pastor of the Congregational Church in Buffalo, Wyoming. Mr. William Smith is to be youth assistant during the coming year. The church has adopted Rev. and Mrs. Robert Woods, of Doshisha, Japan, sharing in their support with other churches. Rev. Richard C. Norberg is pastor.

MIRA VISTA—Six new members were received in June. Beautiful glass fiber draperies have been installed on the great windows on the main floor. Rev. Gifford M. Webster, pastor, attended the National Pilgrim Fellowship Conference and has been active at various Cazadero camps.

SAN FRANCISCO, CHINESE—Rev. Joseph L. C. Ma, for whom the church has been waiting for many months, has arrived from Hong Kong and has been at work since August 10. Mr. Ma has been in this country previously for studies and uses not only Chinese but the English language. He is being well received by the church and will be a fine addition to our fellowship.

CONCORD, HILLCREST — A campaign for a new Christian education unit was a thrilling success. While the goal of $25,000 was not reached, a total of new pledges of $22,500 was secured. Working drawings and specifications are complete. Negotiations are under way for financing that will make it possible for the building to be erected this fall. Rev. Robert L. Carlson is pastor.

SAN LORENZO — The building fund campaign in June resulted in the securing of pledges amounting to $30,000. An architect has been chosen to guide in the finishing of the present building and the development of additional units. The church finds it necessary to begin triple Sunday School sessions this autumn. Rev. Homer A. Schwarz is pastor.

STOCKTON—Through the generosity of two laymen, the cross on the tower has been enlarged and covered with gold leaf, which is a very attractive improvement. Rev. Noel J. Breed and Rev. Earnest D. Lidell with officers of the church set up and carried through a planning conference for all departments of the church on September 6.

SAN CARLOS—Rev. Weldon Batty was back in his pulpit after his long illness on July 6 and is continuing to carry his preaching responsibilities with increasing parish work as his strength improves. This is indeed good news for our Conference as well as San Carlos.

PESCADERO—A new social hall is being built mostly with volunteer labor but with very substantial contributions from interested people. Mr. Joseph Krueger hopes to attend the Berkeley Baptist Divinity School this year.

FRESNO, ZION — Rev. George Kissler, from Lincoln, Nebraska, has been called and is located in the parish and at work.

WEST SAN JOSE—Services are being held each Sunday in the sunhouse and on the lawn in the rear of the parsonage, with attendance running from 39 to 62. Four classes have been organized for different age groups in the Sunday School. A high school group has been enlisted and is meeting regularly. Office equipment has been secured. Rev. John C. Carroll, the minister, has completed the canvass of 250 families whose cards he held from the original survey. Many new houses have been erected, and he has at once made contact with the new families. The Bohannon organization is now building in two other large areas, all within our allocation. The property secured for this new church is almost exactly in the center of the area assigned to us. Splendid publicity has gone out through the community, and the response has been most enthusiastic.

FERNDALE—The federation with the Methodists of three years' standing was severed in June. A fine new parsonage was purchased for Rev. Robert W. Lewis and his family. Services are being held in the Masonic Temple during the rebuilding of the Congregational Church. Fifty-six new members were received the last Sunday of June.

SAN FRANCISCO, PILGRIM—A loyal member of this church contributed tile to cover the entire cement floor of the building and with the help of other men has laid it. This greatly improves the appearance of the church. Rev. Karl Olson, the minister, and his family took a long trip visiting their relatives in the Middle-west during vacation.

FOWLER — Rev. Sarkis Papajian has been persuaded to return as pastor of this church, and he will assume certain duties for the city of Fowler. This will mean that he will probably be a permanent fixture in the community and will give the church strong leadership in the days that are to come.

SAN FRANCISCO, FIRST — Rededication of this church following its extensive remodeling and redecorating program was held Sunday, September 14. Rev. William E. McCormack preached at the morning service; and Rev. Stanley U. North, of the Board of Home Missions, in the evening.

BERKELEY, ARLINGTON—The dedication of the new Children's Chapel with the additional educational rooms is scheduled for the morning of September 14, with Supt. Harley H. Gill preaching the sermon. Rev. J. Hood Snavely is pastor.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September 20 and 21—Laymen's Retreat, Cazadero.
October 1—Upper Bay Association, Hillcrest Church, Concord.
October 2 and 3—Sacramento Valley Association, Reno, Nevada.
October 5—Santa Clara Association, Campbell.
October 6—Bay Association, Pilgrim Church, San Francisco.
October 7—Redwood Empire Association, Santa Rosa.
October 9 — Central Association, Stockton.
October 10—San Joaquin Association, Fowler.
October 16—Fall Meeting, Federation of Congregational Women, Orinda.
February 10-11-12, 1953 — Pastoral Conference, Pacific School of Religion.
May 22-23-24 — Annual Conference, Plymouth Church, Oakland.

WOMEN'S FEDERATION NEWS

MRS. JOHN HARRISON, Correspondent

Items For Your Datebook

The next meeting of the Federation will be held in the First Congregational Church, **San Francisco,** Sunday, September 21, 3:00 p. m. to 7:30, Evening Groups especially invited. Highlights of Federation work; workshops; buffet supper; evening speaker. Please promote this meeting. Send name and address of Evening Group leaders to the secretary, Mrs. H. H. Duncan, 711 Roosevelt Avenue, Redwood City.

The Fall Meeting will be at Orinda, October 16, 1952. A missionary doctor from Africa is expected to speak. Each group is urged to fill quotas and to continue to collect clothes. Remember the Thank Offering! Consult Mrs. J. E. Enman for speakers! Mrs. Lewis Taylor announced the International Missionary Institutes. Consult your year books! Be sure you are registered to vote! Read Proposition No. 3 carefully!

THE AUGUST MEETING

On August 21, a fine group of women met at the First Church, Oakland, for the regular meeting of the Federation. Routine business was cared for by the Executive Committee before the regular meeting. Mrs. William Pemberton read the resignations of several officers which were accepted with regrets. One of these was Mrs. Harry Drobish, whose husband is going to Iran to study the olive situation there. Mrs. Harley H. Gill acted as recording secretary for Mrs. David H. Gill, who was unable to come.

Mrs. Gail Cleland, Federation President, presided, using her question of the year, "What is that in thy hand?" to call us again to active work as church women, each where she is, with whatever talent she has. We cannot all do the same **thing,** but each one can do **something.** She reported that all the speakers at the General Council meeting seemed to have the same thought, to make God the center of personal, church and national life. Our nation today is in the spotlight as never before all over the world. Strong forces are at work to undermine our basic moral and religious beliefs and to question our motives. The time has come when we must make explanations as to why we send food, supplies, and workers to help other countries. Can we answer, "We see in you a brother" or "Christian brotherhood is the only way to peace in the world" with sincerity? Mrs. Cleland spoke of the able manner in which Rev. Vere V. Loper conducted the meeting. There were two controversial subjects: the merger which is in court litigation and the Council for Social Action. There was no meeting of the Building Committee at the General Council because all the building funds have been spent. The goal is $4,500,000 in the next three years.

Program secretaries are urged to get used to centers to make your meetings more interesting and instructive. Literature Secretary, Mrs. Henry Sax, with the aid of other secretaries, dramatized the preparations for a women's meeting. Mrs. Sax, the president of the group, arrived early to be sure the room was in order. Mrs. A. C. Ramsey arrived with a box from which she took African huts made from corn husks, paper palm trees and grass, a pipe-cleaner-made giraffe and people, and then set up an African village. Africa is the country for study this year. It was interesting and surprising to hear of the Christian work our churches are doing there. Liberia is now really a Christian nation, a mayor preaches on Sunday, and nearly 90 per cent of the people are Christian. Mrs. Ramsey asked if anyone knew a city, or even a church community, that was 90 per cent Christian. Christianity in Africa is a dynamic force which, to our shame, so many of our churches have lost. A powerful church must be more than a pleasant social club. Mrs. Ramsey finished her remarks with the warning that we may become the dark continent unless we wake up and revitalize our churches, beginning in our women's groups.

Mrs. Chester Marliave had previously arranged a center appropriate for the October meeting. This was a display of U. N. posters and tiny flags. October 24 is United Nations Day. The posters and flags may be bought at the City of Paris store. We all remember what we see longer than what we hear.

A beautiful devotional service given by Mrs. A. M. MacGregor continued the thought of God the center of the universe and our faith in Him. Taking from Luke 8:25, "Where is thy faith," she asked, "How strong is our faith?" Is it strong enough to dedicate our life to His service? Is it strong enough to destroy all prejudice and intolerance to fulfill our duty as Christian women by prayer, Bible reading, and talking of God's plan and goodness to others? Have we justified God's faith in us? Is Christ portrayed in our lives? Each of these we must answer for ourselves. Not all can preach, but each one can **live her faith.**

Mrs. George Lindsay, Home Field Secretary, came up and set up a "news center" clippings from papers and magazines dealing with abuses of human rights and what is being done about them.

After lunch our new superintendent, Rev. William D. Pratt, spoke briefly of his special appreciation for women of the church and their support of the ministers and the missionary work all over the world. He urged the women to be alert in securing other workers and in bringing them into the churches. In every community we see educated women rushing around like a merry-go-round, spending money they have not earned, buying things they do not need, to impress folks they do not like. They are hungry for something to give their lives for, waiting for a Christian woman to tell them things relevant to the needs of our time, our churches, our communities, and world missions. He spoke of his high regard for Supt. Gill and his humility to be walking in his footsteps. He told us of his family, daughters 19 years and 15 years and a son, 10. They are house hunting, so Mrs. Pratt did not come. We all look forward to meeting her.

Bible Sunday, September 28
World Communion, October 5.

PILGRIM TRADITION TODAY

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could be offered, only explanations and suggestions.

In area meetings attended by some 1200 representatives of our churches held last winter, it was the consensus that we face a serious emergency and we must take drastic action to meet it. The judgment of these nation-wide meetings was confirmed by the Missions Council at Cleveland in January. While at Claremont the General Council, by a unanimous vote made prayerfully in the spirit of dedication, approved the proposal to raise a minimum of $4,500,000 for the Church Building Loan Fund in the biennium beginning July 1, 1952. This was no vote taken lightly. It had the endorsement of the American Board, the Council for Social Action, the Laymen's Fellowship, the State Women Presidents, not less than that of the Missions Council and the Board of Home Missions. It has subsequently been endorsed by the Pilgrim Fellowship. This was once again "the launching of the Mayflower" in response to deep convictions matched by a determination to serve our Lord and Master in accordance with the dictates of our consciences. There may have been other occasions at Claremont that had comparable spiritual content, but surely none surpassed the religious fervor of the moment when that great assembly rose to its feet to signal its approval of the proposal and bowed in prayer as the Moderator asked God's blessing and guidance upon this new Pilgrim adventure so pregnant with meaning for the future.

The amount asked of the West Coast is a sizable figure, namely, $675,000. The Boston area is asked for $1,338,000; the New York area, including Connecticut, $1,213,000; the Chicago area, $1,022,000; the Cleveland area, $834,000. Only for the Denver area is suggested a figure less than for the West Coast, namely, $434,000.

We have the numerical strength that is essential. We have the means to bear our share of the load. It would be enheartening to the entire campaign if the response of the West Coast could be an enthusiastic affirmative. Here a large proportion of the Building Society's resources have been allocated in recent years. Here is the area of continuing greatest need. Here is the locale of greatest opportunity. For purely selfish reasons we of the West Coast must make this campaign a splendid success. But I would hope that our conduct would be in keeping with the Pilgrim tradition, idealistic, courageous, bold, not counting the cost but beholding the gain for the generations to come in the America that is yet to be.

HELP A MISSIONARY

Mr. Emery Fleming has been co missioned by the American Board teach in the Doshisha Kori Hi School. He had little time to ma contacts and arrangements before sa ing on August 2. He would be gl to receive story books for junior hig age, small Revised Version Test ments, recreation equipment, us records (but not jazz), soap, crayon powdered coffee, cocoa, dry soup hard candy, dried fruit, and war clothing. He can be addressed Doshisha Kori High School, Neyagaw City, Osaka Prefecture, Japan.

A NEW BOY

Paul Alan Keeble's arrival shoul have been noted in the June Pacif for he came on the 9th of that monti A lusty chap weighing 8½ pound he found a fine family waiting for hin Rev. Raymond Keeble, Mrs. Keebl and an older brother at Sebastopo but they soon moved to Berkeley where Daddy is pursuing graduat work at Pacific School of Religion.

ANOTHER NEW BOY

While the State Conference wa meeting, Sheldon Arthur Spencer kep his daddy, the Rev. Charles M. Spen cer of Oroville, on the jump. H had to make a quick trip back hom to greet the little 8-pound, 4-ounc chap born on May 23. He is the third child but the first boy in the family.

HYMNBOOKS NEEDED

The Mira Vista Church is using an old hymnbook but a very good one "Hymns of the United Church." They need 50 additional copies or as many as they can find. Does any church have that hymnal? If so, please send a postcard to Rev. Gifford M. Webster, 2545 Tulare Avenue, El Cerrito.

Our new West San Jose project needs hymnals. What have you on hand? Before sending them, write to Rev. John C. Carroll, 2213 Peach Tree Lane, San Jose, and tell him.

SANGER—This church has called Rev. Edwin Gutjahr from Fairfax, South Dakota, to its pastorate to succeed Rev. Ed Hildebrand, who is now doing social welfare work in Tulare County with his home in Visalia.

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